

Amendment No. 2 to SB0532

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 532*

House Bill No. 1090

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is hereby authorized and established a pilot project for grants for group therapeutic homes for at-risk children. The pilot project shall be administered by the department of children's services. The provisions of this section shall only apply in counties having a population of not less than eight hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred (897,400) nor more than eight hundred ninety-seven thousand five hundred (897,500) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census. The pilot project shall expire on June 30, 2009. State funds for such grants in any fiscal year may not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

(b) Group therapeutic homes shall include foster care and group homes which address the needs of at-risk youth, particularly the needs of mildly disturbed youth. Such homes shall employ a team support system for a continuity of care. The support team may include a psychiatrist or psychologist, a family therapist, a child care worker, and an activity specialist. The project may fund the refurbishing of existing homes.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. The department of children's services shall prepare a report detailing, for the previous fiscal year, the number of grants issued, the amount of each such grant, the purpose for which the grant was made and any other information that would best enable the general assembly to evaluate the success of the grant program and determine whether it should be renewed on July 1, 2006. Such report shall be filed

with the clerk of the senate and house of representatives and the chair of the senate general welfare committee and the chair of the house of representatives health and human resources committee.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.